The Little Book Of Inspirational Quotes About Everything

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Quotes from the great and the wise - and the not so great and wise - are always revealing. They are snippets of wisdom, perception and intimacy handed down to us from the high insights of those among us who have grasped some element of Universal truth.

Others reveal the schemings and ruthless ambitions of those who value above all other things the acquisition of power, control and riches.

From whatever point of view they come from, these quotes provide us with a fascinating look at the true world that we live in and also help to convey to us some element of the nature and very meaning of life itself. Some of them also impart to us an inkling of the hidden powers and possibilities latent within everyone, such as Mahatma Gandhi's quote: 'A man is but the product of his thoughts, what he thinks, he becomes.' or the Dalai Lama 'With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world.'

I hope that this little compilation of wise and revelatory quotes helps spur you on to new levels of happiness, fulfilment and awareness.

Best Regards,

Kenneth McRae

Famous People Quotes

Oscar Wilde 1854 - 1900

'How can a woman be expected to be happy with a man who insists on treating her as if she were a perfectly normal human being.'

'True friends stab you in the front.'

'A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.'

'The only difference between the saint and the sinner is that every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.'

'Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.'

'Children begin by loving their parents; after a time they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.'

'Women are made to be loved, not understood.'

'We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.'

'The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it ... I can resist everything but temptation.'

'There is only one thing in life worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.'

'One should always be in love. That is the reason we should never marry.'

'It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But ... it is better to be good than to be ugly.'

'A gentleman is one who never hurts anyone's feelings unintentionally.'

'Ordinary riches can be stolen; real riches cannot. In your soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from you.'

'Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.'

'It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.'

'I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.'

'Work is the curse of the drinking classes.'

'America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.'

'A man's face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction.'

‘By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, journalism keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community.’

‘The truth is rarely pure and never simple.’

‘A man who does not think for himself does not think at all.’

Mahatma Gandhi 1869 - 1948

‘The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.’

‘I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.’

‘First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.’

‘You must be the change you wish to see in the world.’

‘Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.’

‘A man is but the product of his thoughts, what he thinks, he becomes.’

‘Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one’s weaknesses. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.’

‘The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.’

‘Nobody can hurt me without my permission.’

‘Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding.’

‘There is a higher court than courts of justice and that is the court of conscience. It supercedes all other courts.’

‘A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.’

‘When I admire the wonders of a sunset or the beauty of the moon, my soul expands in the worship of the Creator.’

‘An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does truth become error because nobody sees it.’

‘The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.’

‘It has always been a mystery to me how men can feel themselves honoured by the humiliation of their fellow beings.’

‘There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever.’

‘Truth is by nature self-evident. As soon as you remove the cobwebs of ingnorance that surround it, it shines clear.’

‘I do not want to foresee the future. I am concerned with taking care of the present. God has given me no control over the moment following.’

‘Intolerance is itself a form of violence and an obstacle to the growth of a true democratic spirit.’

‘You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind.’

‘Poverty is the worst form of violence.’

‘What do I think of Western civilization? I think it would be a very good idea.’

‘There is sufficiency in the world for man’s need but not for man’s greed.’

Mother Theresa 1910 - 1997

‘Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.’

‘If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.’

Eleanor Roosevelt 1884 - 1962

‘A woman is like a tea bag - you can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.’

‘No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.’

‘You must do the things you think you cannot do.’

‘I once had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read in the description in the catalogue : no good in a bed, but fine up against a wall.’

‘It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself.’

‘It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness.’

Dalai Lama 1935 -

‘Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.’

‘Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.’

‘This is my religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness.’

‘I find hope in the darkest of days, and focus on the brightest. I do not judge the Universe.’

‘The purpose of our lives is to be happy.’

‘It is very important to generate a good attitude, a good heart, as much as possible. From this, happiness in both the short term and the long term for both yourself and others will come.’

‘In the practice of tolerance, one’s enemy is the best teacher.’

‘Where ignorance is our master, there is no possibility of real peace.’

‘A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity.’

‘With realization of one’s own potential and self-confidence in one’s ability, one can build a better world.’

‘World belongs to humanity, not this leader, that leader or that king or prince or religious leader. World belongs to humanity.’

‘Out of 6 billion humans, the troublemakers are just a handful.’

‘I think governments can’t do much.’

‘The important thing is that men should have a purpose in life. It should be something useful, something good.’

‘I always believe the rule by king or official leader is outdated. Now we must catch up with the modern world.’

Martin Luther King Jr 1929 - 1968

‘Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.’

‘I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.’

‘Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.’

‘The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.’

‘Nothing is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.’

‘Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.’

‘I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.’

‘Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can’t ride you unless your back is bent.’

‘Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.’

‘A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.’

‘We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.’

‘Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.’

‘Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.’

‘We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.’

‘Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.’

Standing Bear 1834 - 1908

‘There is one God, and He made both Indians and white men. We were all made out of the dust of the earth.’

‘Man’s heart away from nature becomes hard.’

Helen Keller 1880 - 1968

‘The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.’

‘Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world.’

‘It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.’

‘While they were saying among themselves it cannot be done, it was done.’

‘All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming.’

‘Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare, social justice can never be attained.’

‘The highest result of education is tolerance.’

‘No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.’

Abraham Lincoln 1809 - 1865

‘America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.’

‘Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.’

‘Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.’

‘In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.’

‘You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time.’

‘Don’t interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties.’

‘Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration.’

‘Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?’

‘Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.’

Albert Einstein 1879 - 1955

‘Insanity : doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.’

‘When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That’s relativity.’

‘The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.’

‘We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.’

‘If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.’

‘Imagination is more important than knowledge.’

‘Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.’

‘Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.’

‘Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.’

‘Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.’

‘I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.’

‘It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.’

‘When the solution is simple, God is answering.’

‘Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life’s coming attractions.’

‘An empty stomach is not a good political adviser.’

‘The only reason for time is so that everything doesn’t happen at once.’

‘Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.’

Sai Baba 1838 - 1918

‘All action results from thoughts, so it is thoughts that matter.’

‘Look out into the Universe and contemplate the glory of God. Observe the stars, millions of them, twinkling in the night sky, all with a message of unity, part of the very nature of God.’

Mark Twain 1835 - 1910

‘Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.’

‘Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.’

‘Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.’

‘If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.’

‘A person who won’t read has no advantage over one who can’t read.’

‘Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.’

‘The secret of getting ahead is getting started.’

‘It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress.’

‘The human race has one really effective weapon, and that is laughter.’

‘We have the best government money can buy.’

‘A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.’

‘Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand.’

Audrey Hepburn 1929 - 1993

‘Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible!’

‘The best thing to hold on to in life is each other.’

‘You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.’

‘There is more to sex appeal than just measurements. I don’t need a bedroom to prove my womanliness. I can convey just as much sex appeal picking apples off a tree or standing in the rain.’

‘Since the world has existed, there has been injustice. But it is one world, the more so as it becomes smaller, more accessible. There is just no question that there is more obligation that those who have should give to those who have nothing.’

Mae West 1893 - 1980

‘I used to be Snow White, but I drifted.’

‘When I’m good, I’m very good. But when I’m bad I’m better.’

‘You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.’

‘Marriage is a great institution, but I’m not ready for an institution.’

‘I’ll try anything once, twice if I like it, three times to make sure.’

‘Ten men waiting for me at the door? Send one of them home, I’m tired.’

‘Sex is emotion in motion.’

‘It’s not the men in my life that count, it’s the life in my men.’

‘A man can be short and dumpy and getting bald but if he has fire, women will like him.’

‘Those who are easily shocked should be shocked more often.’

‘I speak two languages, Body and English.’

‘The best way to hold a man is in your arms.’

‘I believe in censorship. I made a fortune out of it.’

Thomas Jefferson 1743 - 1826

‘When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty.’

‘My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.’

‘Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.’

‘I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.’

‘Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.’

‘I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our monied corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial by strength, and bid defiance to the laws of our country.’

‘No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms.’

‘Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have, in time and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny.’

‘Educate and inform the whole mass of the people ... they are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty.’

‘In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.’

‘Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor.’

‘Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.’

‘It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself.’

‘Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of liberty.’

‘I hope our wisdom will grow with our power, and teach us that the less we use our power the greater it will be.’

‘When a man assumes a public trust he should consider himself a public property.’

‘It is neither wealth nor splendor; but tranquillity and occupation which give you happiness.’

John F. Kennedy 1917 - 1963

‘Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.’

‘Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.’

‘If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.’

‘Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth.’

‘War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.’

‘Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.’

‘Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate.’

‘Do you realize the responsibility I carry? I’m the only person standing between Richard Nixon and the White House.’

‘There is a plot in this country to enslave every man, woman and child. Before I leave this high and noble office, I intend to expose this plot.’

JFK, 7 days before his assassination.

Not So Famous Quotes

‘When I dare to be powerful - to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.’

Audre Lorde

‘A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.’

David Brinkley

‘The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.’

Bruce Lee

‘You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.’

C. S. Lewis

‘Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.’

William James

‘Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.’

Tony Robbins

‘Change your thoughts and you change your world.’

Norman Vincent Peale

‘What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.’

Plutarch

‘When you begin to appreciate what you already have, you soon find yourself having more to appreciate.’

Michael Angier

‘A man must be big enough to admit his mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them.

John C. Maxwell

‘It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it.’

Upton Sinclair

Joseph Stalin 1878 - 1953

‘The Pope? How many divisions has he got?’

‘One death is a tragedy; one million is a statistic.’

‘Ideas are more powerful than guns. We would not let our enemies have guns, why should we let them have ideas?’

‘The people who cast the votes don’t decide an election, the people who count the votes do.’

‘I trust no one, not even myself.’

Adolf Hitler 1889 - 1945

‘All propaganda has to be popular and has to accommodate itself to the comprehension of the least intelligent of those whom it seeks to reach.’

‘By the skillful and sustained use of propaganda, one can make a people see even heaven as hell or an extremely wretched life as paradise.’

‘Humanitarianism is the expression of stupidity and cowardice.’

‘I use emotion for the many and reserve reason for the few.’

‘It is not truth that matters, but victory.’

‘Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it.’

‘The great masses of the people will more easily fall victims to a big lie than to a small one.’

‘What good fortune for governments that the people do not think.’

Other Not So Famous Quotes

‘I don’t want a nation of thinkers, I want a nation of workers.’

John D. Rockefeller

‘The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all, it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed and train a standardized citizenry, to put down dissent and originality.

H. L. Mencken

‘The quality of education given to the lower class must be of the poorest sort, so that the moat of ignorance isolating the inferior class from the superior class is and remains incomprehensible to the inferior class. With such an initial handicap, even bright lower class individuals have little if any hope of extricating themselves from their assigned lot in life. This form of slavery is essential to maintain some measure of social order, peace and tranquillity for the ruling upper class.

Extract from ‘Silent Weapons For Quiet Wars.’

‘Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world.’

Henry Kissinger

‘There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn’t true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.’

Soren Kierkegaard

‘I love this stuff, ok. This is fantastic for every rich person. This is the biggest redistribution of wealth from the middle class and the poor to the rich, ever.

Stanley Druckenmiller, billionaire hedge fund manager discussing quantitative easing (QE)

‘Let me issue and control a nation’s money and I care not who writes the laws.’

Mayer Amschel Rothschild

‘The few who understand the system will either be so interested in its profits or be so dependent upon its favours that there will be no opposition from that class, while on the other hand, the great body of people, mentally incapable of comprehending the tremendous advantage that capital derives from the system, will bear its burdens without complaint, and perhaps without even suspecting that the system is inimical to their interests.’

Nathan Mayer Rothschild

‘It is well enough that people of the nation do not understand our banking and money system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning.’

Henry Ford

‘We can’t be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary citizens.’

Bill Clinton

‘Today, America would be outraged if UN troops entered Los Angeles to restore order. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told that there were an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. It is then that all peoples of the world will plead to deliver them from this evil. The one thing every man fears is the unknown. When presented with this scenario, individual rights will be willingly relinquished for the guarantee of their well being granted to them by the World Government.’

Henry Kissinger, Bilderberg conference 1991.

‘The drive of the Rockefellers and their allies is to create a one-world government combining super-capitalism and communism. under the same tent, all under their control ... Do I mean conspiracy? Yes I do. I am convinced there is such a plot, international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent.’

Congressman Larry P. McDonald 1976

‘Some even believe that we Rockefellers are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as ‘internationalists’ and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure - one world, if you will. If that’s the charge, I stand guilty, and am proud of it.

David Rockefeller

‘Bankers own the earth; take it away from them but leave them with the power to create credit; and, with a flick of a pen, they will create enough money to buy it back again ... If you want to be slaves of bankers and pay the cost of your own slavery, then let the bankers control money and control credit.’

Sir Josiah Stamp 1940

‘The technotronic era involves the gradual appearance of a more controlled society. Such a society would be dominated by an elite unrestrained by traditional values of liberty. Soon it will be possible to assert almost continuous surveillance over every citizen and maintain up to date complete files containing even the most personal information about the citizen. These files will be subject to instantaneous retrieval by the authorities.’

Zbigniew Brzezinski, ex US national security adviser, 1970

‘The Great Depression was the calculated ‘shearing’ of the public by the World Money powers, triggered by the planned sudden shortage of call money in the New York money market ... The One World Government leaders and their ever close bankers have now acquired full control of the money and credit machinery of the US via the creation of the privately owned Federal Reserve Bank.’

Curtis Dall, son-in-law of FDR

‘You know the one thing that’s wrong in this country? Everyone gets a chance to have their fair say.’

Bill Clinton

‘The business of the New York journalist is to destroy truth; to lie outright; to pervert; to vilify, to fawn at the feet of Mammon; to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. We are the tools and vessels for rich men behind the scenes. We are intellectual prostitutes.’

John Swinton, editor of the New York Tribune

‘We are going to impose our agenda on the coverage by dealing with issues and subjects that we choose to deal with.’

Richard M. Cohen, Senior Producer of CBS political news

‘We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.’

David Rockefeller

‘One of the least understood strategies of the world revolution now moving rapidly towards its goal is the use of mind control as a major means of obtaining the consent of the people who will be subjects of the New World Order.’

K. M. Heaton in the National Educator

‘We no longer have a functioning democracy.’

Ex US President Jimmy Carter

Dr Olafur Grimsson - President of Iceland

‘I have never understood the argument - why a private bank or financial fund is somehow better for the well being and future of the economy than the industrial sector, the IT sector, the creative sector, or the manufacturing sector.’

‘What is our primary legacy to countries and nations in modern times? Europe is and should be more about democracy than about financial markets. Faced with this choice, it was, in the end, clear that I had to choose democracy.’

‘If you want your economy to excel in the 21st century, a big banking sector, even a very successful banking sector, is bad news.’

‘It’s clear that what some people have called the Icelandic Model includes a number of measures and approaches that have not been adopted in other countries. On the contrary, it includes some methods in the process that go directly against what has been adopted in other countries. But the outcome is that the Icelandic economy is recovering faster and more effectively than any other economy, including the British and the American, that suffered from the financial crisis in 2008.’

Well that’s it, I hope you’ve gained something from reading these inspiring, entertaining and revealing quotes.

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